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1. I am an inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. I am/was an employee of International Business Machines Corporation, Inc. at the time the invention was conceived.
3. The invention as claimed was conceived in the United States.
4. The invention as claimed in the above-identified application was conceived on or before February 5, 2001.
5. The invention as claimed is disclosed in the attached disclosure that was last modified on February 5, 2001.

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